Building a Digital Labor Wiki as an Archival Collection

Description 300 words

This project consists of the building of a searchable, indexed, Wiki website on immaterial, digital labor, and accompanying, supplementary publications and images. The Wiki will archive texts, blog posts, legislation, and communities where immaterial, digital labor has been articulated. Pages of the Wiki would include: bibliographies, encyclopedic entries, timelines, and organizations lists. The entries will be initially built from existing entries in the P2P Foundation Wiki and in Wikipedia's Labor category, while materials and research collections in the New York Public Library would be researched to help bolster its base of references. A placeholder for the Wiki has been created at: http://digitallabor.referata.com/wiki/Main_Page Some topics that would be included are: bibliographies on critiques of crowdsourcing, content moderation, social media, and online affect, the history of immaterial labor and digital labor, Free Software/FOSS and digital labor, the sharing economy, gender and digital labor, and trolling and digital labor. This project draws on demonstrated interest in the subject on the Facebook Group, "Immaterial Digital Labor" which I started in February, 2014, and have been moderating since, as well as an event I organized at Abrons Art Center on April 3, 2015, "General Assembly on Immaterial Digital Labor and Universal Basic Income."

An additional digital publication would be produced for the project, Considerations in crowdsourcing and digital labor for institution, which would include ethical considerations for how to consider digital labor when designing projects or events with a crowdsourcing component, digital labor considerations in the hiring and interview process, and other points of departure for institutions.